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Attn.: Ms. Bonita Lavelle

Subject: OU3 RI/FS of the Libby Asbestos Site
Monthly Progress Report – January 2009

Dear Bonnie:

This progress report describes work completed during the month of January 2009, in accordance with Section IX of the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study dated September 2007. A discussion of the actions taken, sampling results, planned activities, modifications, problems encountered, potential issues, anticipated delays, and solutions developed is provided below. Information by contractor is reported separately.

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A. ACTIONS TAKEN

The following is a summary of the actions taken and progress made during the month of January.

- Continued preparation of the Field Sampling Summary Report (FSSR) for Phase II sampling conducted during the 2008 field season.
- Reviewed and prepared comments on the Phase III Sampling and Analysis Plan in preparation for meetings in Denver with EPA Region 8 staff on February 4 and 5, 2009.

B. SAMPLING RESULTS

LA analytical results and re-issued, lab-corrected LA analytical reports for Phase I samples have continued to be issued by the analytical laboratory. Results for Phase IIA, Element 1 surface water and sediment samples and Element 2 surface water samples for LA analyses continued to be issued by the analytical laboratory throughout January 2009.

C. PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT TWO MONTHS

The following tasks are scheduled to be performed over the next two months.

- Submit the draft FSSR for Phase II by February 16, 2009.
- Participate in a meeting with EPA Region 8 on the draft Phase III Sampling and Analysis Plan on February 4 and 5, 2009 in Denver.
- Provide comments on the draft Phase III Sampling and Analysis Plan by February 27, 2009.
- Participate in teleconferences and other meetings as requested by EPA.

D. MODIFICATIONS/PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED/POTENTIAL ISSUES/ANTICIPATED DELAYS/SOLUTIONS DEVELOPED/IMPLEMENTED

- None.

Parametrix

The following is a summary of the actions taken and progress made during the month of January for Phase II C activities.

A. ACTIONS TAKEN

- Completed and submitted to EPA the draft bioassay report on toxicity of Libby site water to rainbow trout.
- Continued preparation of draft fish and invertebrate population data report from October 2009 aquatic sampling event.
- Continued preparation of draft reports for Part 1 sediment toxicity bioassays (Hyaella, Chironomid).
- Reviewed draft Libby OU3 Phase III Sampling and Analysis Plan and summarized comments in preparation for February 2009 meeting with EPA.

B. PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT TWO MONTHS

The following tasks are scheduled to be performed over the next two months:

- Submit draft reports on fish and invertebrate population at Libby and reference sites to Remedium and EPA for review.
- Submit draft reports on Part 1 sediment bioassays (Hyaella, Chironomid) to Remedium and EPA for review.
- Prepare materials for attending meeting with Remedium and EPA in Denver on

February 4, 2009.

- Attend meeting in Denver with Remedium, Parametrix, EPA, USFWS and State of Montana to discuss 2009 field sampling program in support of the Libby Ecological Risk Assessment.
- Work with EPA and Remedium to finalize field sampling activities for 2009.
- Cost field sampling activities at the Libby Site and begin procurement of field sampling equipment.

C. MODIFICATIONS/PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED/POTENTIAL
ISSUES/ANTICIPATED DELAYS/SOLUTIONS DEVELOPED/IMPLEMENTED

- None at this time.

If you have any questions regarding this progress report, please call Bob Marriam at (901) 820-2023.

Sincerely,



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